

## **NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE BLACK SHEEP SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER**

Due to the remodeling of the Wright Room at the Centennial Airport Tower we have had to find a new location for our meetings. Until the room is finished, and I am told that they will be working on it through November and December, we will be meeting at the Colorado Department of Military Affairs Auditorium.

Thanks to **William “Robbie” Robinson**, the Deputy Director of the Department of Military Affairs for his help in getting us this temporary meeting place.

The location for the Auditorium is 6848 S. Revere Parkway. This is just south of Arapahoe Road. **You must be at the Revere Parkway Gate between 1900 hrs and 1930 hrs.** This is a controlled area and access is limited. There will be someone at the gate to let you drive in and at the door of the auditorium to let you enter until 1930 hrs. At 1930 hrs I will call the gate and door guard in and the meeting will begin. My cell phone will be on just prior to the meeting in case you get lost. Cell Phone # 303-517-4460. Park in the parking lot in front of the auditorium.

We also have access to the offices at Buckley AFB, Hanger 909. If you want to set up a desk with a filing cabinet let me or **Col Jim Cooksey** know. **Col Cooksey** and **1Lt Jim Montgomery** have set up an office for the Ops Training Section at Hanger 909.

We still haven't heard anything from **Captain Gene Munson**, Group 1 IG & Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) Team Leader, on how we did in the inspection last month. I did help him with the SUI at the Mustang Cadet Squadron, inspecting Administration, Personnel, and Professional Development.

### **STAFF**

We still have a staff positions open. I need a Public Affairs Officer badly. This is a difficult position since it requires establishing contacts with the local media folks. It turns out that we have become a major training squadron in the wing, doing a lot with Cadet O'flights, and generally supporting all missions, but nothing ever gets published or reported,.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

We did really well this month in professional development. Wing conducted a Squadron Leadership School (SLS) in Colorado Springs on the weekend of 22 October. We sent seven members to the class. They were **1Lt Bill Ellis, 1Lt Brandon Nadrash, 1Lt Ron Pearce, 2Lt Carol Ellis, 2Lt Stan Losiewicz, 2Lt Timothy O'Brien and SM Christopher O'Shell**. Congratulations to all. It is one step toward completing Level II of the professional development program.

## OPS/ES

We met and exceeded the annual requirement to get 200 hours on each of our assigned aircraft for the 2005 fiscal year which ended on 30 September. We may have a problem, achieving the 200 hours this year due to an increase the reimbursement rates as of 1 October, and the Proficiency flying rates as of 1 November, for both of our aircraft. ROTC has already stated that they can't afford to let us use either Turbo since the Turbo and the Turbo RG are both reimbursed at \$62.00 in flying ROTC Cadets. We haven't heard anything about regular Cadet O'Flights yet.

Wing has had to increase the proficiency flying wet rates. I am told that we are still much lower than the commercial rentals. The following rates are effective after 1 November: C-182 (46A) \$60/Hr, T-182 (71N) \$70/Hr, T-182RG (97T) \$80/Hr, and the GA-8 Airvan (610CP) \$98/Hr. We have asked wing if The squadron owning the aircraft couldn't get \$1.00/hr for cleaning supplies and aircraft washing.

## PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

Since the last message, we were able to promote three of our members: To Major **Theodore Wilson** and to Captain **Rick Simonds**, and **David Booth**.

## TRAINING

Due to the increased need for a scanner class, rather than an observer class, we did another scanner class on 29 October. With the increase of the new members, some who are pilots and others that want to help in emergency services, the need for a mission scanner class increased. The Black Sheep members who attending the class were **Captain Pete Krueger**, **2LT Stanley Losiewicz**, **2Lt Timothy O'Brien**, **SM Hank Eng**, and **SM Christopher O'Shell**. **1Lt Tom Moermond** (Dakota Ridge Composite) and **2Lt John Graves** (Platte Canyon Griffins Cadet) also attended.

We had a little problem getting approved for a mission to do the flying part needed to complete the SQTR. We are continuing to work toward getting that mission approved.

**Colonel Cooksey** conducted a Level 1 class on 22 October at Buckley. Two of our new members, **SM Henry H. Eng** and **SM Aaron F. Quince**, attended and will be upgraded to Level 1.

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